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NJMC Provides Funding for New Soccer Fields at Losen Slote in Little Ferry

LYNDHURST, N.J. – Continuing its commitment to providing community services and tax relief to Meadowlands municipalities, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission today approved funds to construct new soccer fields at Losen Slote Creek Park in Little Ferry.

“One of the most important resources throughout our District is recreational space,” said NJMC Chair and New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Susan Bass Levin. “It is very gratifying to be able to provide funds to create these new soccer fields so the children of Little Ferry can continue to use Losen Slote Creek Park as a premiere recreational destination for the borough.”

NJMC landscape architects are working with the Borough of Little Ferry to design the soccer fields at Losen Slote. NJMC staff are also developing a master plan for the site and examining soil conditions, drainage, wetlands and parking needs. Plans for the fields recently were approved by the Little Ferry mayor and council, and the borough will develop all specifications and award contracts for construction of the site.

The NJMC appropriated \$350,000 in funds from its MAGNET (Meadowlands Area Grants for Natural and Economic Transformation) program to fund the construction of this project. MAGNET is a five-year, \$33 million plan to foster continued revitalization in the Meadowlands and ensure the goals established in the NJMC’s Master Plan have sufficient funding to be achieved.

“It will be exciting to see the new opportunities these soccer fields will provide to Little Ferry,” said NJMC Commissioner James A. Anzevino. “Losen Slote Creek Park is already a beautiful area where children can play and nature observers can come to enjoy the woodlands. These new fields will be a wonderful compliment to the hockey rink at the site.”

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Losen Slote Creek Park was funded, developed and constructed by the NJMC. The park opened in 1992 and features a 2-acre active recreational area and a 22-acre tract of forest with a renovated meadow, two outdoor classrooms and native paintings. Other amenities at Losen Slote include a playground for children ages 4 to 10, a lighted, regulation-sized roller and ice hockey rink, bleachers, benches, fencing, paving and native planting. Little Ferry operates and maintains the site.

“One of the highlights of our MAGNET program is directing funds to our District Municipalities for projects such as this one,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “Without any cost to the taxpayers of Little Ferry, who would otherwise be required to carry the burden, we can provide the borough with a state-of-the-art soccer facility for the entire town to enjoy. This is yet another project to bolster our effort support proper community facilities for Meadowlands residents while at the same time helping with tax relief.”

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